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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM   : Admiral Daniel J. Murphy, USN
                   Deputy to the DCI for the
                   Intelligence Community

SUBJECT   : Prospective Publications

    1. Action Requested: Guidance as to the publications you wish
to see developed for future promulgation.

    2. Background:

        a. On 14 March 1977 you raised the question as to the pros
and cons of publishing an annual DCI threat assessment. In
response to a subsequent ICS/OPP memorandum to me on the topic,
you and I conferred as to what you had in mind and it was
determined that you envisioned a comprehensive worldwide threat
analysis dealing with the totality of United States concerns,
rather than primarily with the tasks of American intelligence.
We asked the D/DCI/NI to develop a concept paper describing
the purpose, scope and frequency of publication of such a
document for your consideration. It was also determined that
you desired that the DCI Annual Report include an unclassified
version at its next publication. (Memorandum copy is at Tab A.)

        b. On 25 April 1977 you asked about the status of any
study efforts dealing with four topics in which you have an
interest, including that of an "intelligence posture statement."
In responding we pointed out actions underway in preparation
for publication of the next annual report. Your marginal note
indicated that you were interested instead in classified and
unclassified versions of a substantive intelligence posture
statement similar to the Secretary of Defense's, rather than
something dealing with the process of intelligence and the
state of the world. . (Copy of memorandum with your notes at
Tab B.)

c.   On 1 May 1977 your note to me asked that someone extract from the last version of the Secretary of Defense's posture statement the principal intelligence content so we could see what we might want to include in a DCI posture statement, and whether we would have done it differently. (Copy of note at Tab C.) This has been done, and the extract and a discussion are at Tab D.

d.   It appears from review of the foregoing that the following documents should be prepared in response to your desires:

(1) Substantive intelligence posture statement: a comprehensive worldwide threat assessment which would be similar to that prepared for the Secretary of Defense, but which would not duplicate it, dealing instead with a broader range of threats (political, economic and the like, not just military) and from a national rather than departmental perspective. To be published at the Secret level, and if possible in an unclassified version. Action: D/DCI/NI.

(2) DCI annual report on the Intelligence Community: a report on your first year of stewardship, to include problems encountered and the solutions devised, changes in the world environment affecting the conduct of intelli- gence operations, managerial and organizational initia- tives, explication and rationalization of the proposed budget, and futures prospects. To be published at the Secret level, and if possible in an unclassified version. Action: D/DCI/IC.

e.   An alternative to publication of these two separate documents would be to prepare a consolidated document addressing both substantive intelligence matters and a report on the Community.

3.   Recommendations: That you approve for planning the publications described in 2d above, or provide guidance for alternatives if these are not responsive to your concerns.

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Daniel J. Murphy

Attachments:
  Tabs A thru D

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